10.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

5 – 40 Points

Action Updates

This action has been revised for the **current certification cycle**. A version of this action from the prior program year is available for comparison. Edits are highlighted in yellow. (Last update 2019)

Objective

Innovate and implement meaningful sustainability actions not yet listed on the Sustainable CT action list. Become a model for others!

What to Do

If you collaborate with other municipalities or other stakeholders to implement this Action, please describe the partnership in the "partners" box of your submission. Please also consult this guidance document to help your municipality earn points for actions pursued in partnership. Regional collaboration and other forms of partnership are highly encouraged.

1. Collaborate within your community or take a regional approach to implementing a sustainability action not listed on the Sustainable CT action list. Activities that are used to earn points toward this Action may not be used to earn points toward any other Sustainable CT Action. You may submit up to two innovation actions per certification cycle. (5 – 40 points per submission, depending on impact).

   Submit: Describe your innovative sustainability action, how you accomplished it, who participated, and how it will benefit your municipality(ies). Upload additional materials (documents, photos, weblinks or other information) to substantiate that you have completed the action and provide a model for other municipalities.

   Notes: If your proposed action fits better within an existing Sustainable CT action it will not be awarded points under the Innovative Action category. Be sure to look closely at the Sustainable CT list of actions to determine the most appropriate place to submit your work. Criteria used to assess whether an action will be awarded points under this category can be assessed by clicking here. Points are typically (but not always) awarded based on the following framework, applied throughout the Sustainable CT framework: one-time events and similar actions earn 5 points; long-term education campaigns, inventories, plan, reports and similar items earn 10 points; implementation projects earn 15 points; and the creation of new policies, typically, through the passage of an ordinance, earn 20 points.

Credit for Past Action

For spring certification, count back from February 1st of the current year. For fall certification, count back from August 1st of the current year. For further clarification on determining if your prior work is eligible to earn points, click here.

- **The action must have been completed within the past 3 years.**

Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Municipal staff, community organizations, regional organizations.

Benefits

By being innovative you can meet the needs of your community most efficiently while helping to push the envelope of sustainability efforts across the state.

CT Success Stories

- [2018 Glastonbury - Thorough Submission](#)

- [2018 Middletown - Guide for Towns](#)

- [2018 South Windsor - Pioneering Work](#)

- [2018 Stamford - Thorough Documentation](#)